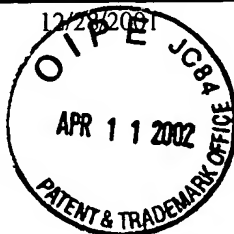




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The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

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Applicant encloses the following documents to complete the above-
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1. Charge Authorization-PTO Form 2038 for \$18.00
2. Fee Calculation Sheet
3. Preliminary Amendment
4. Letter to Official Draftsperson
5. Six (6) Sheets of Formal Drawings
6. Notice to File Correction Application Papers

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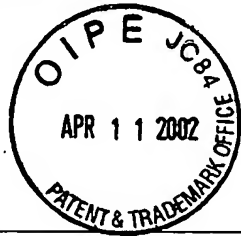
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FEE TRANSMITTAL



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FEE CALCULATION

1. BASIC FILING FEE

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2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES

| | Number Claims | Prior** | Extra | Fee from Below | Fee Paid |
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| 102 | 84 | 202 | 42 | Independent claims in excess of 3 |
| 104 | 280 | 204 | 140 | Multiple Dependent Claims |
| 109 | 84 | 209 | 42 | Reissue Independent Claims over Original Patent |
| 110 | 18 | 210 | 9 | Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent |

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FEE CALCULATION (Continued)

3. ADDITIONAL FEES

| Large Entity | | Small Entity | | Fee Description | Fee Paid |
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| 105 | 130 | 205 | 65 | Surcharge - Late filing fee or oath | |
| 127 | 50 | 227 | 25 | Surcharge - Late provisional Filing Fee or cover sheet | |
| 139 | 130 | 139 | 130 | Non-English specification | |
| 147 | 2,520 | 147 | 2,520 | For Filing a Request for Reexamination. (ex parte) | |
| 115 | 110 | 215 | 55 | Extension for reply within first month | |
| 116 | 400 | 216 | 200 | Extension for reply within second month | |
| 117 | 920 | 217 | 460 | Extension for reply within third month | |
| 118 | 1,440 | 218 | 720 | Extension for reply within fourth month | |
| 128 | 1,960 | 280 | 980 | Extension for reply within fifth month | |
| 120 | 320 | 220 | 160 | Filing a brief in support of an appeal | |
| 121 | 280 | 221 | 140 | Request for oral hearing | |
| 148 | 110 | 248 | 55 | Terminal Disclaimer Fee | |
| 140 | 110 | 240 | 55 | Petition to Revive - unavoidable | |
| 141 | 1,310 | 241 | 670 | Petition to Revive - unintentional | |
| 142 | 1,310 | 242 | 670 | Utility/Reissue issue fee (inc. advance copies) | |
| 143 | 490 | 243 | 260 | Design issue fee (inc. advance copies) | |
| 122 | 130 | 122 | 130 | Petitions to the Commissioner | |
| 123 | 50 | 123 | 50 | Petitions related to provisional applications | |
| 126 | 180 | 126 | 180 | Submission of Information Disclosure Statement | |
| 581 | 40 | 581 | 40 | Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties) | |

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